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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr ROMUALDI

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the harmonious development of the economic
infrastructure of Fiuggi and its region

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the great and universally acknowledged curative value of the waters of Fiuggi, particularly for harmoniously metabolizing uric acid in the organism and as an irreplaceable treatment of renal and extra-renal uratic diathesis; or, as the celebrated Italian clinician, Professor Frugoni so felicitously expressed it, for 'the maintenance of that marvellous harmony that is health';
 - considering, in particular, the ecological value, the amenities, the variety and richness of the natural environment, the beauty of the landscape, and the artistic and historic heritage which make of the ancient Anticoli di Campagna, today's Fuggi, a centre typical of the Ciociaria - a region whose rural settlements, old cultivation methods, usages, customs and religious traditions, represent a most interesting example, practically extinct in Europe, of a peasant culture virtually unchanged through the centuries and still authentic today, despite the disastrous incursions of some haphazard industrial development;
 - having regard to the value and beauty of its monuments, from St. Benedict's monastery on Montecassino, through Santa Scolastica in Subiaco and the Casa Mari, to the Papal palaces of Anagni and the mediaeval walls of St. Thomas's native village of Aquino, which link this region to the earliest records of monasticism and of the existence of the Catholic Church itself; as Cicero's Arpino and Sulla's Preneste link it to the earliest peoples of Italy and Europe: the Ernici, the Volsci, the Samnites, the Romans and the Longobards, whose stories have been recorded for us through the research and in the writings notably of Gregorovius and Goethe, both of whom held these lands and the civilized customs of their peoples, dear;
1. desires the European Community to recognize Fiuggi and its region, with its sources and its ancient and modern thermal establishments - so intimately representative of all that is health, joy, culture, history, the very life of Europe, and - through tourism - also closely linked to many aspects of its present-day economy - as a heritage to be protected and enhanced with all care and concern, not least within the meaning of Article 4(1)(a) of the Regional Fund regulation as amended by Regulation EEC 214/79, on the development of regional economies, with special reference to agricultural and sylvan areas, with the aim of safeguarding the cultural wealth of our common civilization;
 2. instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.